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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY PROJECT - PRELIMINARY PLANS
--- APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION

1. AT MARCH 6 MEETING, NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION (NCPC) APPROVED PRELIMINARY SITE AND BUILDING PLANS FOR SOVIET EMBASSY COMPLEX TO BE BUILT ON MT. ALTO SITE. COMMISSION AGREED WITH ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SOVIET ARCHITECTS CONSIDER SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO PLANS IN WORKING OUT FINAL DESIGN. THESE INCLUDE REDESIGN OF ROADS ON SITE WHERE NECESSARY TO CONFORM TO FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS, MEASURES TO SAVE LARGE TREES, AND ADHERENCE TO MAXIMUM HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS. COMMISSION ALSO ASKED SOVIETS TO CONSIDER THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC OR LANDMARK CHARACTER OF BUILDINGS THEY NOW OCCUPY WHEN THEY DISPOSE OF THEM (I.E. CONSIDER SELLING THEM TO OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR SIMILAR USE, OR TO PARTIES WHO WOULD NOT DEMOLISH THEM). 5 OF UNCLASSIFIED

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7 PROPERTIES SOVIETS NOW OCCUPY ARE CONSIDERED HISTORIC.

COPY OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION POUCHED
TO EMBASSY.

2. TWO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC RECEIVED AT COMMISSION'S

MEETING. GROUP OF APARTMENT DWELLERS AND OWNER OF 2712
WISCONSIN AVENUE BUILDING (ISCONSIN HOUSE) CONCERNED
THAT SOVIET APARTMENT COMPLEX WILL DECREASE SUNLIGHT AND
VIEW FOR RESIDENTS ON WEST SIDE OF BUILDING. THEY WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE SOVIET APARTMENT SECTION MOVED TO OTHER AREA
OF PROPERTY OR LOWERED SUBSTANTIALLY. COMMISSION TOOK
NOTE OF GROUP'S INTEREST BUT DID NOT INCLUDE IT IN
OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION. FYI: SOVIET DESIGN EMBODIES
ASPECTS TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON NEIGHBORING APARTMENTS.
WISCONSIN HOUSE IS 15 FEET FROM PROPERTY BOUNDARIES ON
NORTH AND SOUTH AND 30 FEET FROM WEST PROPERTY LINE.
SOVIET APARTMENTS WILL BE 80 FEET FROM WEST PROPERTY LINE
FOR 110 FOOT TOTAL SEPARATION. END FYI. SECOND COMMENT
WAS FROM MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE HEIGHTS CITIZENS ASSOCIA-
TION STATING THAT NEIGHBORHOOD VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF
EMBASSY PROJECT AND WELCOMING SOVIET PRESENCE. ASSOCIA-
TION FEELS THAT IMPACT OF EMBASSY PROJECT WILL BE FAR
LESS THAN ANY OTHER POSSIBLE USE OF MT. ALTO SITE.

3. DEPARTMENT PREPARING LETTER FORMALLY TRANSMITTING
NCPC APPROVAL TO SOVIET EMBASSY. EMBASSY COUNSELOR
MYSHKOV AND SOVIET PROJECT STAFF PRESENT AT MEETING
EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH NCPC ACTION. INGERSOLL

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